

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Line 11, delete "I".

Line 12, delete "v".

Delete line 15.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-4 in the underlying PCT application. Please also cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-3 of the revised pages in the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report.

Please add the following new claims:

4. (New) A solenoid system for switchgear, comprising:
- an armature;
 - a yoke;
 - a coil interacting with the yoke to move the armature;
 - sensors detecting actual values of drive-specific switching parameters; and
 - a control device of a switchgear drive, the control device being one of an open-loop control device and a closed-loop control device, wherein after a switching command, the control device does not affect an output quantity for controlling the coil until at least one predefined threshold value of the switching parameters is attained, the output quantity being a coil current, the switching parameters being variable during a switching operation and including at least one of a contact speed, a contact path and a flux.